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# HOUSE BILL No. 1215

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-19-14.5-1.

**Synopsis:** Emergency personnel vehicle sirens. Authorizes emergency medical personnel who are permitted to have green lights on their personal vehicles to equip their vehicles with sirens or other noisemaking devices.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-19-14.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. (a) A privately  
3 owned vehicle belonging to a certified emergency medical technician,  
4 certified emergency medical service driver, or certified emergency  
5 medical service first responder while traveling in the line of duty in  
6 connection with emergency medical services activities may display  
7 green lights, subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

8 (1) The lights may not have a light source less than fifty (50)  
9 candlepower.

10 (2) All lights shall be placed on the top of the vehicle.

11 (3) Not more than two (2) green lights may be displayed on a  
12 vehicle and each light must be of the flashing or revolving type  
13 and visible at three hundred sixty (360) degrees.

14 (4) The lights must consist of a lamp with a green lens and not of  
15 an uncolored lens with a green bulb. However, the revolving  
16 lights may contain multiple bulbs.

17 (5) The green lights may not be a part of the regular head lamps



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1 displayed on the vehicle.

2 (6) For a person authorized under this chapter to display a green  
3 light on the person's vehicle, the person must first secure a written  
4 permit from the director of the state emergency management  
5 agency to use the light. The permit must be carried by the person  
6 when the light is displayed

7 **(b) A privately owned vehicle belonging to a certified emergency**  
8 **medical technician, a certified emergency medical service driver,**  
9 **or a certified emergency medical service first responder may be**  
10 **equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell that complies with**  
11 **IC 9-19-5-3.**

12 **(c) A siren permitted under this section may be used only when**  
13 **the vehicle is operated by emergency medical personnel described**  
14 **in subsection (b) in response to an emergency call. The person who**  
15 **drives a vehicle equipped with a siren under this section shall**  
16 **sound the siren when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians**  
17 **and persons who are driving other vehicles of the approach of the**  
18 **authorized vehicle.**

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